

back from the drugs that they need to purchase and that they have a quality of life that they richly deserve in the wealthiest nation in the world.

We can pay for this all by just simply raising the cap on people over \$400,000. Those wealthy people can afford to pay the same level that people making \$50,000. It is long overdue. The time to act is now.

THREE CRITICAL PIECES OF LEGISLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of three critical pieces of legislation that are in the House this week. I proudly endorsed and cosponsored all three of them to keep our promise to essential workers and support communities across the country. It is time for Congress to start delivering the results that we have promised to the American people.

First, I will begin by praising the passage of H.R. 2499, the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022. There are over 15,000 firefighters employed by the Federal Government. Each of them is at greater risk of developing illnesses due to their job. These hazards include diesel emissions, carbon monoxide, and other cancer-causing chemicals released by fires that they combat on a regular basis.

Madam Speaker, 48 States have compensation laws that provide firefighters with a presumption that certain diseases were contracted on the job. However, no such rule applies so far to Federal firefighters, and it is time we correct this wrong and stand behind the brave men and women who protect us.

I also urge the passage of H.R. 903, the Rights for the Transportation Security Administration Workforce Act. 365 days a year, TSA agents across the country ensure safe travel to all of us. Despite working through the COVID-19 pandemic and government shutdowns, agents face stagnant pay.

These brave men and women deserve better, which is why I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 903. This legislation will put TSA agents on a level playing field with other Federal employees, and we need to do this today.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I urge the passage of H.R. 5129, the Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act of 2022. This bill reauthorizes the community services block grants for the next 10 years that improve the lives of Americans across the country and have done so much in my district. Just this year, over \$3 million of these grants helped improve the lives of communities in south Texas in my district.

This is a product of the War on Poverty. These grants support poverty reduction, increase in health access, and many other benefits. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this legisla-

tion and continue the program for south Texans and Americans across this country.

I urge the House to pass these bipartisan pieces of legislation so we can get them to the President's desk.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Adrian Swann, one of his secretaries.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, this day, that we may prepare ourselves for the work You have laid before us. Wake our minds that they would be alert and fully open to living into the hope You reveal to us. Strengthen our bodies that they would stand tireless in the face of the challenges that lie ahead. Reach into our souls, that we would be moved to live boldly into the morals with which You have inspired us.

Then may we, with the whole of our heart, mind, body, and soul, dedicate ourselves to the commonwealth of people You have called us to serve.

May we show sincere love for one another in our obedience to the truth. May our love for our country and our communities be faithful to Your living and enduring Word in our lives.

Be this day, Holy God, the foundation of all our efforts and, we, the reflection of Your perfect love.

In Your powerful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MORELLE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent Resolution condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING FALLEN SOUTH GATE DETECTIVE ALEXIS GONZALEZ

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, as we observe National Police Week, I am here to honor and celebrate the life and service of South Gate Police Detective Alexis Gonzalez of South Gate, California.

Detective Gonzalez tragically passed away on April 25. Detective Gonzalez first joined the police department in 2013 as a police explorer. He graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy in 2017, realizing his dream of becoming a South Gate police officer.

At the age of 27, Detective Gonzalez was a 5-year veteran of the police force and a hero in South Gate. He was a shining star and will be sorely missed by family, friends, and the entire community.

We honor the life and service of Detective Gonzalez and his family, and of every police officer who has put their life at risk to protect our communities.

May he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER DYE

(Mrs. GREENE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Road Patrol Corporal Christopher Dye.

Christopher dedicated his life to the people of Walker County and our Nation, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Christopher worked at the Hays State Prison and the Walker County Sheriff's Office until the tragic events of 9/11 struck our country.

In October 2001, Christopher joined the Army and dedicated the next 12 years to serving our country. Christopher was a member of the 118th Airborne Infantry, performing tours in

Iraq and Afghanistan. Even after developing lymphoma, he never gave up his post.

Christopher was highly decorated for his valiant service and returned to the Walker County Sheriff's Office to work alongside his family.

In November 2020, Corporal Dye encountered fentanyl on a drug arrest. This exposure caused him to suffer a massive heart attack, and he passed away that evening. Corporal Dye was awarded the Walker County Sheriff's Office Employee of the Year award later that year.

He is survived by his wife Kelly Jo and their five children.

Today, I am introducing a resolution honoring Corporal Dye for his selfless sacrifice to the people of Walker County, northwest Georgia, and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GLORIA LANGSTON

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the extraordinary and impactful life of Gloria Langston, community advocate, and cofounder of Rochester's first Black-owned radio station, who sadly passed away last week.

Founded in 1974, WDKX was one of the first Black-owned stations in New York State. Their call sign is a tribute to Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, demonstrating their commitment to uplifting the Black community.

Together with her husband, Andrew Langston, Gloria established WDKX as a fixture in the Rochester radio space, bringing people together and keeping our community engaged.

My heart goes out to her beloved son, Andre, and the entire Langston family during this difficult time. May you find peace in knowing her legacy will live on through the good works of those she has inspired.

BIDEN ENERGY CRISIS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, this week, the national average cost for a gallon of gasoline hit an all-time high of \$4.37. At this rate, American families will spend an extra \$2,000 on gasoline this year, on top of already historic inflation.

President Biden has tried to shift the blame on this issue, taking no responsibility for the crisis that he and his administration have created. Let's be clear. This is not transitory inflation. This is not the Putin price hike.

This is what happens when you dismantle American energy independence—a war on fossil fuel. That is what the President has done, and that is why

energy costs started rising long before the Russian invasion ever began.

The solution to rising prices is more domestic production. President Biden would rather cling to his Green New Deal agenda than admit that his policies have failed. America is home to an abundance of energy resources. We have the solutions to this crisis right here under our feet.

What we lack is an administration with political willpower to do what is right. Until that changes, we will continue to suffer the consequences of President Biden's anti-energy agenda.

PILOT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the National Transportation Safety Board found that pilot error was a major factor in the 2009 fatal crash of Flight 3407.

In the months following the tragedy, the families of Flight 3407 fought for safety standards and improvements, which were signed into law and have saved lives.

Now an application is before the Federal Aviation Administration to cut the minimum standard for pilot training in half.

We are calling on the Federal Aviation Administration to categorically reject this request and any attempt to circumvent pilot training requirements.

Families in my western New York community will never have their loved ones back, but we can ensure that every family moving forward is stepping onto an airplane with a fully trained pilot.

BIDEN ECONOMIC CRISIS

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the economic crisis that is pummeling Florida's families. This week's financial report showed that inflation continues to hammer Americans, growing by 8.3 percent over April of 2021.

When coupled with workforce shortages and supply chain disruptions, the result has been catastrophic for small businesses—every sector of our economy is impacted. I am also gravely concerned that we are spiraling toward a recession, and yet, many of my colleagues seem to think the only answer is to spend more.

Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker, we cannot spend our way out of this crisis. We must stop the reckless spending that is fueling this problem and make tough choices about our priorities, just as each and every one of our constituents are being forced to do.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

(Mr. KAHELE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KAHELE. Mr. Speaker, today, just like I did 1 year ago to this day, I rise with extraordinary pride to congratulate the 2022 NCAA Men's Volleyball National Champions, the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors.

This past Saturday our Hawaii Rainbows defended their title on the legendary court of Pauley Pavilion against Long Beach State University.

Emulating their victory in 2021, they proved that lightning can strike twice by sweeping their opponent in a decisive three-set match. Our Warriors displayed acute focus, tenacity, and bold dominance, boasting a 27–5 season record while remaining undefeated at home.

As a proud alumnus and former Rainbow Warrior volleyball player, I, along with the rest of Hawaii, congratulate our back-to-back national champions.

“Thanks very much.” “Mahalo nui loa” to head coach Charlie Wade, the coaching staff, the UH athletics program, the Manoa Aunties, our loyal boosters, and dedicated fans who support our players on and off the court.

To our 2022 NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship Team, “all the best,” “no ka’oi,” and Go ‘Bows!

CONGRATULATING KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER RICH STRIKE

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 148th Kentucky Derby winner Rich Strike, and Rich Strike's owner, OU grad and Edmond native, Rick Dawson.

Rich Strike made history at the 148th Kentucky Derby overcoming 80–1 odds. This monumental victory is even more impressive as Rich Strike was not supposed to be in the Kentucky Derby, entering only after another horse was scratched. Rich Strike was added a mere 34 hours before the race was set to begin.

Congratulations to Rich Strike and Rick Dawson for bringing the Kentucky Derby to Oklahoma's Fifth Congressional District.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last week we marked Teacher Appreciation Week. This week, and every week, we say thank you to educators who help our students learn and grow.